Demolition victims seek compensation

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI, Jan 1: The residents of Mohammadi Colony, Azam Nagar and Liaquatabad displayed banners on Thursday in the locality, demanding immediate compensation to the victims of the demolition operation.

Area residents, however, expressed concern over removal of banners by the Liaquatabad police.

The operation was launched by the law-enforcement agencies and the KMC on Saturday and Sunday in which scores of houses and shops were razed.

According to area residents, Commissioner of Karachi Shafiq Paracha, accompanied by the SDM of Liaquatabad, visited the locality on Thursday morning and asked the people to form a ten-member committee which could submit details of the demolition operation and finalise names for payment of compensation or alternative land to them.

Later in the day, a relief programme was held by the Muttahida Qaumi Movement at the Sookha Ground in which relief goods, including quilts and food items, were distributed to the affected people by Dr Farooq Sattar, Senator Nasreen Jaleel and Senator Aftab Sheikh.